

*(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Written comments were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change and none have been received.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within thirty-five days of the date of publication of this notice is the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to ninety days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which OCC consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve such proposed rule change or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-OCC-97-02 and should be submitted by June 30, 1997.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by August 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the EAS and Domestic Analysis Division (X-53), Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Luther Dietrich or Mr. Dennis DeVany, Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Analysis, X-53, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-1046/1061.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Air Carrier's Claim for Subsidy and Air Carrier's Report of Departures Flown in Scheduled Service.

*OMB Control Number:* 2106-0044.

*Expiration Date:* July 31, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* In 14 CFR part 271 of its Aviation Economic Regulations, the Department provided that subsidy to air carriers for providing essential air service will be paid to the carriers monthly, and that payments will vary according to the actual amount of service performed during the month. The reports of subsidized air carriers of essential air service performed on the Department's Forms 397, "Air Carrier's Report of Departures Flown in Schedule Service" (formerly "Air Carrier's Report of Revenue/Seat Miles Flown in Scheduled Service"), and 398, "Air Carrier's Claim for Subsidy," establish the fundamental basis for paying these air carriers on a timely basis. Typically, subsidized air carriers are small businesses and operate only aircraft of limited size over a limited geographical area. The collection permits subsidized air carriers to submit their monthly claims in a concise, orderly, easy-to-process form, without having to devise

their own means of submitting support for these claims.

The collection involved here requests only information concerning the subsidy-eligible flights (which generally constitute only a small percentage of the carriers' total operations) of a small number of air carriers. The collection permits the Department to timely pay air carriers for providing essential air service to certain eligible communities that would not otherwise receive scheduled passenger air service.

*Respondents:* Small air carriers selected by the Department in docketed cases to provide subsidized essential air service.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22.

*Average Annual Burden per Respondent:* 278 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden on Respondents:* 6,116 hours.

This information collection is available for inspection at the EAS and Domestic Analysis Division (X-53), Office of Aviation Analysis, DOT, at the address above. Copies of 14 CFR part 271 can be obtained from Mr. Luther Dietrich at the address and telephone number shown above.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 3, 1997.

**John V. Coleman,**

*Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).